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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF INTOLERANCE AND OF DISCRIMINATION BASED ON RELIGON OR BELIEF

RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

Letter dated 10 February 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights

The Permanent Mission of Israel wishes to draw the attention of the Commission on Human Rights to a stamp issued by the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran which shows a child throwing a rock at a Jewish Star of David (copy attached).

This stamp constitutes a deliberate incitement to religious hatred, in violation not only of provisions of the Convention of the Universal Postal Union but also of United Nations human rights instruments aimed at eliminating racial and religious discrimination.

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It is particularly distasteful that such a stamp was issued to commemorate the United Nations' International Day of the Child, so that an event dedicated to fostering respect for children's rights was perverted by the Iranian Government into a manifestation of its wish to imbue their children with hatred.

The incident demonstrates even more clearly the absurdity of a delegate from Iran having been elected this year as a vice-chairman of the Commission on Human Rights.

(Signed) Itzhak Lior
Ambassador

ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

THE WORLD DAY OF THE CHILD